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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0041] on page 7, with the following paragraph:

[0041] An alternative arrangement for securing the outer wall 28 to the end cover 30 is schematically illustrated in Figure 2B. In this example, an extension 58 on the end portion 50 of the outer wall 28 is deformed around the end surface 53 on the outward portion 52 of the end cover 30. After the deformation of the extension 58, the extension is welded using a laser weld 56-56 to the end cover 30.

Please replace paragraph [0059] on page 12, with the following paragraph:

[0059] Figures 9 and 10 show another example embodiment of a cover 30. In this example, a reinforcing rib 200 is formed in the end cover 30 such that an outermost surface 202 on the rib is received against the outer wall 28 of the impeller housing 26. The ring-shaped rib 200 enhances the strength of the example end cover, in part, because it shortens the moment of the outward force that tends to cause ballooning of a cover in a ~~torque~~-torque converter. The inverted curvature of the rib 200 adds strength to the end cover 30, enhancing the service life of the torque converter assembly.